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1. DURING INTERVIEW ELSEWHERE REPORTED WITH PRESIDENT CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ, HE MADE A CURIOUSLY INVOLVED DEFENSE OF HIS DECISION TO RECOGNIZE CASTRO CUBA. IN ESSENCE IT WAS THAT SINCE THE PREVIOUS COPEI GOVERNMENT HAD TO ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES COME UPON A DEFACTO RECOGNITION OF CUBA AND ACTUALLY HAD SENT A NAVAL VESSEL TO THAT ISLAND TO LOAD SUGAR, THERE WAS NO PARTICULAR REASON WHY HE, THE INCOMING PRESIDENT, SHOULD NOT FOLLOW LOGIC AND GO THE WHOLE WAY TO DE JURE RECOGNITION. HE THEN ADDED THE SOMEWHAT INCOMPREHENSIBLE COMMENT THAT IF HE HAD NOT DONE SO, "ANY ACT I SHOULD TAKE COULD BE REGARDED AS AN UNFRIENDLY ACT AGAINST CUBA."

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